Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently amended) A method of customizing a news document associated with a user of a news aggregation service, comprising:

creating the customized news document with a ~~one or more~~ personalized search query ~~queries~~ received from the user, wherein creating the customized news document further comprises:

dividing the news document into a plurality of news sections, with each of the news sections including one or more items of related news content, the search query being associated with only one of the plurality of news sections;

fetching news content from a plurality of news source servers;

aggregating the news content;

searching the aggregated news content based, at least in part, on the ~~one or more~~ personalized search query ~~queries~~; and

providing selected news content to the one of the plurality of news sections ~~customized news document~~ based, at least in part, on results of the search.

2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~one or more~~ search ~~queries~~ query ~~comprise~~ comprises at least one of a keyword, a news topic or ~~and~~ a selected geographic region.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized news document comprises a web page.

4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], further comprising:

receiving user input specifying a number of stories that a selected news section of the plurality of ~~one or more~~ news sections should have.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], further comprising:

receiving user input specifying whether image data should be associated with a selected news section of the plurality of ~~one or more~~ news sections.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

fetching updated news content from the plurality of news source servers;

aggregating the updated news content;

searching the aggregated updated news content based on the ~~one or more~~ personalized search query ~~queries~~ to perform an update search; and

periodically providing updated news content to the one of the plurality of news sections ~~customized news document~~ based on results of the update search.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

notifying the user of the updated news content.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein notifying the user of the updated news content comprises notifying the user via at least one of a page, an e-mail, a FAX, and a telephone call.

10.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], wherein creating the customized news document comprises:

receiving user input for creating a new news section corresponding to an additional

search query.

11.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], wherein creating the customized news document comprises:

changing the [[a]] search query associated with the at least one of the plurality of one or more news sections.

12.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], wherein creating the customized news document comprises:

moving at least one news section of the plurality of one or more news sections around on the customized news document.

13.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], wherein creating the customized news document comprises:

deleting at least one news section of the plurality of one or more news sections.

14.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], wherein creating the customized news document comprises:

receiving user input related to how news content should be sorted for display in each of the plurality of one or more news sections.

15.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], further comprising:
receiving an additional search query from the user;
creating an additional news section on the customized news document; and
associating the additional search query with the additional news section.

16.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], further comprising:

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registering the customized news document with a registry; and

providing access for other users to the customized news document via the registry.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the customized news document comprises:

receiving user input for selecting an appearance of the customized news document.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a copy of the customized news document in at least one of hard copy or machine viewable format.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized news document is hosted by a news aggregation server that fetches, aggregates and searches the news content.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized news document is hosted by a personal document server, associated with the user, that is different from a news aggregation server that fetches, aggregates and searches the news content.

21. (Currently amended) A system for customizing a news document associated with a user of a news aggregation service, comprising:

a remote news aggregation server configured to:

create the customized news document with a ~~one or more~~ personalized search query ~~queries~~ received from the user, wherein creating the customized news document includes dividing the news document into a plurality of news sections, with each of the news sections including one or more items of related news content, the search query being associated with only one of the plurality of news sections,

search news content from a plurality of news source servers based on the ~~one or~~

~~more~~ personalized search query ~~queries~~, and

provide selected news content to the <u>one of the plurality of news sections</u> ~~customized news document~~ based on results of the search.

22.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the remote news aggregation server is further configured, prior to searching the aggregated news content, to:

fetch <u>the</u> news content from <u>the</u> [[a]] plurality of news source servers, and

aggregate the news content.

23.   (Currently amended) A method of creating a personalized news document, comprising:

receiving a plurality of search queries from a user;

creating a customized news document including a plurality of personalized news sections, with each news section being <u>defined by</u> ~~associated with~~ a different one of the plurality of search queries;

retrieving news content from memory using the plurality of search queries; and

inserting selected news content of the retrieved news content into each of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

24.   (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

retrieving updated news content from the memory using the plurality of search queries; and

periodically inserting the selected news content of the updated news content into each of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

25.   (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the news content is fetched from a plurality of news source servers and aggregated via a news aggregation service in the memory.

26.   (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the customized news document is hosted at a news aggregation server that further hosts the news aggregation service.

27.   (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the customized news document is hosted at a server that is remote from a news aggregation server that hosts the news aggregation service.

28.   (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

notifying the user of the updated news content.

29.   (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein notifying the user of the updated news content comprises notifying the user via at least one of a page, an e-mail, a FAX, and a telephone call.

30.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

registering the customized news document with a registry; and

providing access for other users to the customized news document via the registry.

31.   (Currently amended) A news aggregation server, comprising:

a memory configured to store instructions and news content; and

a processing unit configured to execute the instructions in memory to:

obtain plurality of search queries from a user,

create a customized news document including a plurality of personalized news sections, with each news section being defined by associated with a different one of the plurality of search queries,

retrieve news content from the memory using the plurality of search queries, and

insert selected news content of the retrieved news content into each of the

personalized news sections of the customized news document.

32-38. (Canceled)

39.   (Currently amended) A system for creating a customized news document, comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of search queries from a user;

means for creating a customized news document including a plurality of personalized news sections, with each news section being defined by associated with a different one of the plurality of search queries;

means for retrieving news content from a plurality of sources of news content using the plurality of search queries; and

means for inserting selected news content of the retrieved news content into each of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

40.   (New) A method, comprising:

dividing a news document into a plurality of news sections;

receiving a first search query and a second search query;

searching news content based on the first search query to obtain a first set of related news items;

searching the news content based on the second search query to obtain a second set of related news items;

populating a first news section of the plurality of news sections with the first set of related news items; and

populating a second news section of the plurality of news sections with the second set of related news items.

41.   (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the first and second search queries are received from a user via a network.

42.   (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the first and second search queries are selected by a user from a list of search queries.

43.   (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the list of search queries comprises search queries previously used by the user to search the news content.

44.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

receiving an indication from a user specifying a number of news items the first news sections should contain,

wherein populating the first news section comprises obtaining the number of news items from the first set of related news items.

45.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

receiving an indication from a user specifying one or more preferences for certain kinds of news sources for the news content,

wherein searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on the one or more preferences.

46.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

ranking news items of the first set of related news items in a rank order.

47.   (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising:

receiving keywords from the user; and

boosting selected news items of the first set of related news items higher in the rank order when the selected news items contain one or more of the keywords.

48.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

receiving an indication from a user specifying preferences for journalists who author news items of the news content,

wherein searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on the user-specified preferences for journalists.

49.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

receiving an indication from a user specifying preferences for genres of news among the news content,

wherein searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on the user specified preferences for genres of news.

50.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

deleting the first news section from the news document based on an instruction received from a user.

51.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

labeling, on the news document, the first news section with a first label related to the first search query.

52.   (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising:

labeling, on the news document, the second news section with a second label related to the second search query.

53.   (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the first and second search queries are received from a user and further comprising:

providing the news document to the user.